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MARRIAGE.

On 7th March, at Shanghai, ETHELINE PHILLIPS to PHILIP W. MASSEY.

DEATH.

On 7th March, at Shanghai, ANTHONY FREDERICK CARRELL, aged 17 years.

The Daily Press.HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DE VOUX ROAD, CL.
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HONGKONG, MARCH 17TH, 1905.

KIAOCHAU may be regarded as the German Hongkong, albeit it is as yet only the Hongkong of years ago. The same remarkable commercial and urban development is apparent, however; a recent "White Book" showing how satisfactory has been the progress made, both economic and general.

The opening of the large harbour, for which two jetties were put into use last year, and its railway connection with Tsingtau, the capital of Shantung, encouraged the already promising increase of shipping. Adequate godown accommodation on the wharves is being provided; and there are expectations that the large floating dock will be ready for use immediately. The two-hundred-and-sixty-five miles of trunk railway, by the way, was finished well within the time stipulated, an excellent example that should stir emulation elsewhere. A branch line in the Po-shan Valley, twenty-seven miles long, has also been opened. The immediate result of all these facilities has been an increase in the Colonial receipts for 1904, £25,097, or £9,845 more than in 1903. The number of vessels entering Kiao-chau was increased from 273 in 1903 to 337 last year, the total tonnage being 388,823 as compared with the previous 286,260 tons. The increased trade is also apparent in the reported receipts of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Tsingtao, which were \$618,000 last year, and in 1903 only \$441,000. There was a corresponding increase in the value

of goods in transit. It must not be forgotten, when estimating the commercial progress of our northern competitor, that without the Russo-Japanese war, these returns would have been greater. The trade and shipping with Japan was suspended when the war began, and though it is again resuming, the official report under review was published before the further increment could be taken into account. On the landward side of the German Protectorate business is shown to have flourished, the weekly number of passengers conveyed to and from the Shantung Railway being from four to five thousand more than was the case in the previous twelve months. The goods traffic on this line exhibited a still more remarkable increase. Figures given relate to the first nine months of each year, and an increased volume of over two hundred per cent. is shown. Eighty-eight thousand tons were carried in the 1904 period, against twenty-seven thousand in the first three quarters of 1903. The Shantung export consignments of silk, plated straw, crockery, etc., were practically all diverted from road to rail. In a short time, no doubt, the goods traffic will be increased by the addition of much agricultural produce, the natives thus being able to find speedy market for the perishable commodities they raise in large quantities. The German port appears to have become increasingly popular as a tourist and health resort. Five hundred foreign visitors were registered at the big new hotel during the year; and the natives are said to have contemplated this invasion with equanimity, if not with unmixed satisfaction. The native officials were glad to send Chinese constables to study the German police system. Socially, Tsingtao is also a go-ahead place, numbering over a thousand population, and boasting two German newspapers and two Chinese. Excellent bathing facilities are there to tempt holiday-makers from Shanghai and neighbouring places. H.E. Governor TRUPPEL has cause to be proud of his charge.

Another anti-Catholic riot is reported in Taichoufu.

The German Mail of the 15th February was delivered in London on the 15th inst.

Major Norazzini, Italian Consul at Shanghai, receives the Order of the Double Dragon, for services to China.

The tug-boat Samson has been sold by Mr. Bonnet Burleigh to its former owners, the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.

The Mainichi reports that the Emperor of Korea has asked to be admitted a member of the Christian Church (Roman Catholic).

Chen Shi-fai and Lee Wing-hing, bankrupts, failed to attend at Court yesterday, and warrants were issued for their arrest.

The Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co. Ltd. made a profit of Th. 26,545.60 last year. A dividend of ten per cent. and a bonus of two per cent. are being paid.

In one week, ending Feb. 24th, the Shanghai police apprehended or summoned 1,675 persons for various offences the favourite misdemeanour being the comittal of nuisances.

Mr. F. A. Hazeland was the only Magistrate sitting at the Police Court yesterday. Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts having left for Home on leave.

At the Police Court yesterday, Cho Sze Sun, a resident of Hollywood Road, was sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. F. A. Hazeland for one month with hard labour for cutting and wounding a compatriot.

For packing goods on the landing steps at Connaught Road, Yau Wing, a general dealer residing at Peel Street, was yesterday fined \$35 by Mr. Hazeland. The alternative was six weeks imprisonment.

Owing to the unusually heavy rain on Wednesday afternoon, a retaining wall connected with some building operations at Maconell Road collapsed yesterday morning.

No casualties are reported.

The Hongkong Church Missionary Association, founded in 1899, is losing by so many of its members leaving the Colony. The annual subscription is quite small. Mr. G. E. Woodward of Craigieburn, Peak, is the honorary Treasurer, and he reports that at the end of the year there was only \$74.55 in hand.

Li King Shek and his son have been arrested by the Chinese authorities at Cautao in connection with the recent failure at Hongkong of the Kwong Yik Wo firm. The shop failed shortly before the Chiu New Year, the partners absconding (it is alleged) with the proceeds of a few thousand bags of flour.

The Bailiff of the Supreme Court recently had the steam launch Competition seized under a warrant. The action being settled, the launch was released, and to evade further proceedings cleared off to Canton. She has been now detained at Canton by the Harbour Master, as she is claimed by Mr. E. Murray of Duddell Street. Capt. Casey has left here for Canton with a crew to bring the launch back, the old crew having run away.

At the Union Church Literary Club last evening the Rev. C. H. Hickling delivered a very interesting lecture in appreciation of William Cowper.

The minutes of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, including a good deal of interesting correspondence, have been crowded into page 5. Other matter has had to be held over.

During the heavy rain yesterday morning a piece of the roof came down from Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's old building in Queen's Road Central. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The s.s. Proteus was placed under arrest yesterday. The owners of the s.s. Venetia claim \$90,000 damages caused by the collision between the vessels off Good Hope Cape on the 14th inst.

The N.C. Daily News, reporting a stabbing affray on the American sailing vessel Wm. F. Fife, says: "These affrays all seem to be due to the imbibing of Hongkew whisky." The bad liquor is smuggled on board.

The Chefoo Daily News reports that a mine washed ashore on the beach about five miles east of Chefoo. A passing mafio hit one of the spikes with his whip, and he and some eight lookers were blown to pieces.

The Manila Cubane was (as usual) wrong when it reported that Mr. Connor was leaving for the United States. He had returned to Shanghai on March 9th, was going to Peking for a short time, and then to his new post in Mexico.

The Hongkong station of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company reports that owing to interruptions of English land lines, and there to tempt holiday-makers from Shanghai to the 27th ult. making them ten days en route. We learn that the Hongkong Post Office dispatched them by the Norwegian steamer Aker, which arrived here on Monday last, and that her Captain notified the Chinese Imperial Post Office that he had a mail on board, but by some accident it was not taken from the steamer.

Thomas Smith, an unemployed mariner, was found drunk and incapable in Queen's Road on Wednesday night. Mr. F. A. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$2, or the alternative of seven days imprisonment. A like fine was inflicted on Buchan Singh for a similar offence.

The N.C. Daily News on March 10th wrote: "A large number of letters and papers were delivered in Shanghai yesterday, bearing dates from Hongkong to the 27th ult. making them ten days en route. We learn that the Hongkong Post Office dispatched them by the Norwegian steamer Aker, which arrived here on Monday last, and that her Captain notified the Chinese Imperial Post Office that he had a mail on board, but by some accident it was not taken from the steamer."

The Hamburg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says that there are between 40 and 50 vessels carrying coalbound on the way to Vladivostok, in many of which Hamburg shippers are greatly interested. Nervousness is also felt in Hamburg shipping circles regarding the Hamburg colliers which are accompanying the Baltic Fleet. Owing to the capture of many merchant steamers, the number of the transports chartered by the Japanese Government is being reduced.

A social evening, under the auspices of the Royal Naval Temperance Society, was held at the City Hall last night. St. Andrew's Hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and well filled. A lengthy musical programme was gone through, and the continued applause of the audience testified to their appreciation of same. The band of H.M.S. Glory, under the able direction of Mr. H. G. Neyler R.M.M., played selections throughout the evening. Refreshments were provided during the interval in the programme.

A fire broke out in the Che Ching Po Godown, No. 74, Des Vaux Road, yesterday afternoon. The godown was stocked with oil-tarred rope and other inflammable material.

The brigade turned out under Deputy Superintendent Lyons and Chief Inspector Baker, and after half-an-hour's hard work, got the fire under way. The damage is estimated at \$200, while the insurance with various companies on the godown and stock amounts to \$35,000. The fire is believed to have originated through a cooie accidentally knocking a lighted lamp into a coil of tarred rope.

The Customs Gazette for the last quarter of last year shows a total revenue for the quarter with a marked advance on the previous year, the comparative figures being:

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The total for the quarter at Shanghai was Hk. Tls. 3,485,403 against Hk. Tls. 2,592,934 in the same quarter of 1903.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Friday) evening:

March ... "The Soldiers of the Guard" Levey Entertainer ... Introduction 3rd Act "Lohengrin" Wagner

Selection ... "Dorothy" ... Cellist

Waltz ... "Bell Nita" ... Trombones

"Buddigore" ... Bassoon

Selection ... "The Duchess of Mantua" Ivan Caryll Polka ... "Loveley" ... Piffl

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MASONIC MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

The large Masonic Temple in Zetland Street is the property of Zetland Lodge (English Constitution), the oldest and largest lodge numerically in Hongkong. It is rented by the many other lodges, at so much per night, all the lodges in the Colony, except the new Lodge Eastern Scotia (Scottish Constitution), holding their meetings there. Brethren of Lodge Eastern Scotia meet in the upper hall of the Seamen's Institute at Kowloon. The Masonic Quadrille Club has, since its institution, held its monthly winter dances in the large banquet hall on the ground floor of the Zetland Street Lodge. The rent, however, \$50 a night, precludes the Club from laying its way To raise the needed funds, it was decided to hold a smoking concert on the 21st instant. Some dissension arose with Zetland Lodge about the letting of the hall. As a consequence, the concert will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall. There is also talk of some of the lodges, perhaps Lodges St. John, United Service, and Naval and Military, finding a new place outside for holding their regular and emergency meetings. The rent that is charged, \$75 to \$100 per night, is considered too much. One lodge, paid no less than \$1,850 rent to Zetland Lodge. A prominent Freemason says that it is to be hoped that this question is settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, for if not, Zetland Lodge may find itself with something of the nature of a "white elephant" on its hands.

DALLAS-BANDMANN COMPANY.

"The Girl from Kay's," produced at the theatre last evening by the Dallas-Bandmann Opera Company, required only a small cast. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Dallas appeared. Mr. Frank Cochran, as Percy Fitzpatrick, was very funny, and his make-up was splendid. The little "masher" with his "ha, ha, ha," never failed to create applause, the looking-glass song being particularly good. Mr. Jamie Dallas, as Hoggenheimer, was appreciated. Mr. Edgar Ronalds' song "I do not care" was a pleasurable item that made a decided hit. Mr. Cooke was an excellent porter; and Mr. McIntyre was quite at home as Theodore Quench; as also was Mr. Hayden as Mr. Chalmers. Miss Violet Frampton sang a duet with Mr. Gordon, "Semi-detached," and her crying song received much applause. Miss Queenie Stuchan, as "the girl from Kay's" was not so happy as in some of her favourite characters. Miss Hunter took the part of Mrs. Chalmers. Some neat dancing was done by Miss Dolly Dorden. Other features were Miss Amy Bailey's song and dance, and a song by the "Royal Pierrots." Miss Lascombe and M. Kaya. The scenery was good, and some of the dresses were very pretty.

THE BRITISH BANDMANN COMPANY.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Weihaiwei Land and Building Co. Ltd. was held at Shanghai on March 8th. There were present Messrs. W. A. C. Platt (Chairman), E. Jeanner Hogg, A. McLeod (Directors), P. F. Lawes (Secretary), W. C. Murray, A. P. Wood, H. F. Bell, W. S. Jackson, H. W. G. Hayter, A. L. Anderson, Captain J. B. Lowe, J. M. Young, W. D. Little, and H. B. All. The shareholders present represented 1,168 shares.

The Chairman: The accounts show a much more satisfactory state of affairs than any others that have been put before us at our annual general meetings. This is to a great extent due to our having been able to dispose of a part of our property known as Estate No. 6. That estate cost us and stood in our books at Th. 7,770.02 and we sold it for Th. 1,850 or Th. 14,557.38, realising thereby a net profit (after paying expenses) of Th. 8,423.43. We have been able to pay off our debt balance with the Bank, and have now a credit balance. We have written off 33% from furniture account, and we have invested in Shanghai Gas Company debentures the sum of Th. 8,691.24. This sum, we suggest, should be used for developing the Company's business as soon as we learn definitely the British Government's intentions with regard to the future of Weihaiwei and sufficient encouragement is given to the advantage of big shipping firms. Steps have been taken in this direction, but we are afraid that until our Government makes known its future intentions with regard to Weihaiwei, no extensive private outlays will take place in godowns and shipping facilities. Eight godowns are now let for this season, which is the best the Company has yet done. The furniture account has been considerably written down, and as the Company's buildings have been kept in good repair we think we can say the general financial position of the Company is sound, and puts us in a position to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise for furthering the Company's interests.

The following resolutions were put and carried unanimously:

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murray: That the report and accounts be accepted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. A. L. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bell: That Mr. W. A. C. Platt be re-elected a director of the Company.

Proposed by Mr. W. D. Little, seconded by Mr. Young: That Mr. A. E. Leake be re-elected auditor.

Leave to appeal was applied for at Shanghai in Hall and Holtz v. Rickard, a master and servant case in which the Court ruled the servant's agreement not binding. The motion was adjourned for an arrangement of terms between counsel.

TELEGRAAMS.

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CONTRABAND SEIZURES AND INSURANCE.

LONDON, 16th March.

The Tacoma was insured for £32,100. The amount of insurance involved by seizures of steamers

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Thursday, 16th March.

BEFORE SIR H. S. BERKELEY (CHIEF JUSTICE).

WONG LUT WAN V. TAM CHAK U.

The Chief Justice gave judgment in this action. The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. R. Harting (of Messrs. Ewens and Houston) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Almada e Castro, for the defendant.

His Lordship said:—This is an action to compel specific performance of an agreement in writing for the purchase of certain property in the pleadings specified dated the 28th May 1903; with a chain in the alternative for damages. The making of the agreement and the payment of a deposit on account of the purchase money is admitted by the defendant but he denies that the plaintiff is entitled to call upon him to perform the agreement and claims a return by the plaintiff of the deposit paid on account of purchase money on the ground that he had entered into an agreement and paid the deposit on the faith of the material representation made to him by the plaintiff and by the plaintiff's agent that the property was at the time bringing in a rental of \$650 a month which was in fact untrue. This material representation the defendant says was made to him both verbally and in writing and he produces a document which if genuine supports his contention. This document purports to be a written authority by the plaintiff to a broker on Chong Fu Street to sell certain houses in Richmond Street then bringing in a rental of \$650 a month. The document as translated reads as follows:—The maker of the order is Wong Lut Wan who has now handed over to Cheung Fu Shan six European houses in one row on an area of 75,000 square feet on lots numbered 1216 and 609 in Richmond Street on Green Mount. It is distinctly agreed that the fixed price of \$61,500 shall be charged payable in bank notes. The time up to the first day of the 5th moon is fixed for the payment of the bargain money of \$6,150. Brokerage is to be calculated at \$1 per \$100 and if the time fixed is over this paper shall be treated as waste paper. This is proof Rent for each month \$650. Kwang Shu 29th Year 4th Moon 30th day. Writing made by Wong Lut Wan.

The 1st day of the 5th moon is the 27th of May. The 29th Year of Kwang Shu the 4th moon 30th day is the 26th May, 1903. The defendant declares that this document as it now stands was on the evening of the 26th May, 1903, handed to him in his house by the plaintiff's broker and his evidence in that respect is corroborated by one Sz Hoi Chu a friend who stated that he was in the defendant's house at the time. It is admitted by the plaintiff that the document, with an exception I will mention, was written by him and handed to the defendant by the broker by his authority; but the plaintiff denies that the words "Rent for each month \$650" were written by him or with his authority. He says that when he handed the document to the broker for the purpose of being given to the defendant those words were not on the document; and the broker adds the statement that when he handed the document to the defendant it did not contain the words "rent each month \$650"; but concluded with the words "This is proof." On the other hand the witness Sz Hoi Chu declares that these words were on the document when it was handed to the defendant by the broker. He says that the defendant having asked him if he considered he had made a good bargain, he looked at the document and observed that the rental was stated to be \$650 a month. The direct testimony as to whether the words constituting the material representation were or were not on the document when it was handed to the defendant exactly balances. Two witnesses swear positively one way and two swear as positively the opposite way. The question is where does the truth lie? I think this question can only be satisfactorily answered after a consideration of the probabilities. I will first consider that material fact as may be regarded as established and then what legitimate conclusion may be deduced from them. We have it established that at the time the plaintiff placed the houses in the hands of the broker to sell them the locality in which they were situated had a bad reputation for fever; that in consequence four of the six houses were then unoccupied, and so remain to this day; and for a similar reason the remaining two became vacant shortly after the property was sold to the defendant. It is clear then that at the time the plaintiff employed the broker to sell those houses he had a strong inducement to do what he could to rid himself of the property. We have it further established as a fact that the words "rent for each month \$650" which the defendant says were added by the plaintiff after the rest of the document had been written bear a strong resemblance to the plaintiff's handwriting. The explanation suggested by the defendant is that yielding to the temptation of getting rid of the property which could not be rented the plaintiff inserted the untrue representation as to the rental in a forged hand in order to enable him when the inevitable discovery of the truth took place to repudiate the representation as emanating from him. The explanation offered by the plaintiff for the admitted similarity is that the defendant desiring to get out of his bargain added the words "Rent for each month \$650" after the document had been handed to him by the broker either himself imitating the plaintiff's hand writing or procuring someone to do so. On behalf of the plaintiff a man now in his

employ who was not at the time the gardener of the tenant of one of the houses then rented and who was acting as caretaker of the four empty houses gave evidence that on two occasions prior to the 27th May the defendant visited and inspected the houses on one occasion accompanied by the broker and on the other occasion by a stranger to whom he spoke of the houses in terms of praise. The suggestion is that the defendant had entered into negotiation with the broker for the purchase of the houses as a speculation well knowing them then to have a bad reputation for fever but expecting to get them cheap in consequence, and believing at the time that he saw his way to sell them at a profit; and that he was still under the belief that he signed the agreement at Mr. D'Almada's office for purchase; but that he subsequently failed to re-sell and desired to be relieved of his bargain he conceived the idea of alleging a misrepresentation inducing him to purchase and thereupon forged or procured the forgery of the words "Rent for each month \$650" added to the end of the authority to sell given by the plaintiff to the broker. In support of this suggestion the plaintiff tendered the evidence of a European architect to the effect that in his opinion the houses were cheap at the price for which the plaintiff agreed to sell them. The defendant however absolutely denies the assertion that he visited and inspected the houses before he purchased them; and points out that the assertion rests upon the uncorroborated evidence of the gardener and the broker both of whom he submits are to be regarded as interested and biased persons, the gardener being in the present employ of the plaintiff at \$13 a month, and the broker depending for his commission on the success of the plaintiff in this action, and he submits that the architect's opinion is open to the criticism that houses which cannot be rented can hardly be said to be cheap at any price. The contention of the plaintiff is moreover that the defendant whom he describes as a land speculator did not rely upon the alleged representation that the houses were let for \$650, but that he visited the property and inspected it and knew that four out of the six houses were unlet and that of the remaining two one was let for \$100 a month and the other for \$98. In other words the plaintiff asserts that so far from the defendant believing that the houses were rented for \$650 a month he knew only two were rented for \$100. It is true as asserted by the gardener and the broker, but denied by the defendant, that he visited and inspected the houses before entering into the agreement to buy them. If he did must of course become aware of the fact that four of the six were unrented. He is described by the plaintiff as a sharp business man and a speculator in land and house property. If that description is fair then it must be assumed that he would on finding four of the six houses empty enquire into the cause. Enquiry would have disclosed to him the fact that these houses could not be let because of this evil reputation for fever. Yet this business-like land speculator entered, it is alleged, into an agreement to buy for \$61,500 six houses knowing that four of them were empty and not likely to be let, and knowing that all the return he could depend upon was the rent for two houses let on short tenancies and producing in all \$100 a month. Such conduct on the part of a man may be possible but it is not such as would be expected. This suggestion that he would be tempted by the low price at which he was getting the houses does not carry much weight for \$61,500 is a very large sum of money; and as I have said it seems to me a misuse of the terms to describe as cheap at that sum a row of houses which cannot be let. The houses it is admitted, are at present, nearly two years after making of the agreement, to enforce which this action is brought, still unlet. It seems to me more likely that the plaintiff, the owner, who knew the reason why he could not let his property, would be possessed of a strong desire to get rid of them, rather than the defendant, a speculator knowing of their reputation for fever, would be likely to burden himself with property that, assuming he knew of the evil reputation, he must have known he would in all probability have great difficulty either in renting or selling. If the evidence of the comprador Sz Hoi Chu who appears to be a very respectable man is accepted, then it is established that two days before the agreement for the purchase was signed at the office of Mr. D'Almada who was acting as solicitor for both parties the added words were as they now appear on the broker's written authority from the plaintiff. Why should that man's evidence be rejected? He is about the only disinterested witness who gives really material evidence. The question then is were the words in dispute on the broker's authority before the agreement was signed at Mr. D'Almada's? On that question Mr. D'Almada's evidence is of importance. He says that on the 27th May, the day following the one of which Sz Hoi Chu spoke, the defendant came to his office and told him that he had bought the property for \$61,500; that he expressed doubts as to the wisdom of the purchase; and that the defendant then said to him "Oh that's all right; the rental is \$650" at the same time producing the broker's written authority to sell. Mr. D'Almada added that he speaks Chinese but cannot read or write that language but he keeps clerks who do both. He did not however call one of the clerks in to translate the document because he accepted the defendant's statement. Later in the same day there was a meeting at Mr. D'Almada's office between the plaintiff and the defendant which had a most important bearing upon the question I am now discussing to which I will refer later. In the meantime I will deal with the question what effect should be given to what took place at the morning interview. First it is to be observed that though Mr. D'Almada cannot read Chinese he keeps clerks who can

and that while he does not read Chinese he speaks the language. Is it likely that the defendant would have produced to such a man the broker's authority in support of his statement that the houses were rented for \$650 if the words which bear out the statement had not been on the face of the document? How was he to know that Mr. D'Almada did not read Chinese or that he would not call in one of his clerks to read the document to him? Next it is to be remembered that according to the plaintiff's evidence the defendant then knew that the houses were not let for \$650 but that the majority were unlet and only two let for \$100. The suggestion is that the defendant, though he was then under no obligation to enter into the agreement to purchase, and though he was well aware of the evil reputation of the houses and consequently of the probably worthless character of his bargain, was yet of a recklessly speculative character as to be ready and willing to risk \$61,500 on the chance that if he subsequently found it impossible to re-sell at a profit he would be able by means of forgery to repudiate his bargain, and that to enable him to sustain his case to repudiation he invented his statement to Mr. D'Almada respecting the rental which his purchase was then bringing in! That theory of the plaintiff is however undoubtedly open to the criticism that the whole fabric of the intended fraud would have been destroyed had Mr. D'Almada called one of his clerks to translate the document which the defendant had or showed to him to support his statement as to the rental. The risk in that respect would have been so great that it must be assumed that the defendant spoke truly when he said that the broker's authority would bear out his assertion as to the rental; and that if the defendant is guilty of the crime imputed to him he must have added the words previously to going to the office of his solicitor Mr. D'Almada. The probabilities appear to me to favour the view that the added words were on the document at the time of the defendant's visit to his solicitor on the morning of the 27th May 1903. I do not think the defendant would have ventured to make the assertion he did to his solicitor with respect to the document he produced, unless that document had at the time contained the words "Rent for each month \$650." I assume therefore that those words were on the document at the time of the defendant's visit to his solicitor on the morning of the 27th May. The question is were those words inserted in that document by the defendant for the purpose of furthering the nefarious design imputed to him by the plaintiff, or were they on the document when it was handed to the defendant by the broker on the previous evening. It seems to me that what took place at the interview between the defendant and the plaintiff at Mr. D'Almada's office on the afternoon of the 27th will throw the light that will enable me to come to a proper decision on that question. In order to understand the attitude of the plaintiff on that occasion, and to appreciate the value of what he did or said, or omitted to say, it is necessary to bear in mind the fact that he was not present at the morning interview between the defendant and Mr. D'Almada. He did not know that Mr. D'Almada had expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of the defendant in making the purchase, nor did he know that the defendant had justified his action by stating the large rental he would receive. At the interview in the afternoon there were present only the two parties and their solicitor. Mr. D'Almada says that while he was pursuing the title deeds of the property which had been brought by the plaintiff preparatory to preparing the agreement he heard the plaintiff talking to the defendant endeavouring to raise the price from \$61,500 to \$63,000; that the defendant refused to agree to the rise; and that ultimately producing the same document which he had produced in the morning in support of his assertion that the rental was \$650, the defendant showing it to the plaintiff and "No! Your order is for \$61,50." Is not that your order?" Mr. D'Almada says that the plaintiff looked at the document produced to him by the defendant and said "Yes," and the agreement was thereupon signed, and the bargain money paid on the following day.

Now the importance of that evidence lies in the fact that the plaintiff on the document being shown to him by the defendant made no reference to the words "Rent for each month \$650" assuming as I think I must, that those words were at that time on the face of the document. The explanation offered for him is that if they were there he did not see them; that the question between him and the defendant was then confined to the amount of the purchase money which he wished to raise from the amount stated in the document, and so he may very well have overlooked the words relating to rental. However that may be, it is hardly conceivable that the defendant assuming those words were there and known to him to be added forgeries placed there by himself for certain possible future contingencies, would for a second time that day have deliberately incurred the risk of detection and exposure. On the other hand it is conceivable that the plaintiff may have seen the words "Rent for each month \$650" and yet not repudiate them; for on the theory of the defence the time for his so doing had not arrived, and it must be remembered that he knew nothing of the conversation between the defendant and his solicitor at the morning interview when the defendant had produced the document in support of his assertion regarding the rental.

On the theory of the defence for the plaintiff to have repudiated the words then would have been to destroy his chance of selling the property and would have defeated the very object he had in view in inserting them. The interview just referred to had taken place at Mr. D'Almada's office on the 27th May. On the 15th June the defendant consulted Mr. D'Almada to his right to rescind the agreement. He had, he says, in the meantime after the signing of the agreement and paying the deposit, discovered the fraud that had been perpetrated on him. On going to see his purchaser he had for the first time become aware that four of the six houses were empty; and two only let at sums which aggregated \$106 a month. On the 15th June the defendant again produced the broker's authority to sell, and Mr. D'Almada says it appeared to him identically the same document which he had produced at the two interviews already referred to. The defendant left the document with his

solicitor, and next day on the plaintiff's arrival at the office for the purpose of completing the sale and receiving the balance of purchase money, the document was handed to the defendant, who producing it said he refused to complete the bargain as the rental was not as represented on the broker's writt'n authority. According to Mr. D'Almada the plaintiff then said "Let me see the order" that on its being shown to him he examined it and declared that the portion relating to the rental had not been inserted in the document by him; that the defendant then said "You admitted the document to be written by you at the time I signed the agreement to buy the property; now you deny that you wrote all of it." Plaintiff replied—"Yes, but I did not then carefully examine it." With reference to that reply Mr. D'Almada said "I was present at the time. I saw plaintiff then looking at the document. He appeared to me to be then reading it." The upshot was that the defendant refused to complete and in October of the same year, some five months later, the plaintiff commenced these proceedings. No elevation of the delay is given, but it had no weight with me in the consideration of the sharp issue joined in this case between the parties. It seems to me for the reasons I have given that the probabilities are on the side of the defendant. I believe that the representation as to the rental was made to him by the plaintiff through the broker, and that he as a fact signed the agreement to purchase relying upon that representation; and that he made no independent examination of the property until after he had bought it, when he discovered the misrepresentation that had been made. The property was easily accessible and the defendant could have made an inspection before he signed the agreement; but I find as a fact that he did not. The fact that he had the means of discovering the fraud is therefore immaterial. (Reid v. Hurd 20 Ch. D. 1.) Therefore held that the defendant was entitled to rescind the agreement of the 27th May 1903 made between himself and the plaintiff for the purchase of the property described in it, and that the defendant is entitled to his back from the plaintiff the sum of \$6,150 less interest thereon at 6% per cent. per annum from the 23rd May 1903 paid as bargain money. Judgment therefore is for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Pollock asked His Lordship to make out an order that the plaintiff pay interest at the rate of eight per cent. on the bargain money, \$6,150, from the 23rd May 1903 to the date when the plaintiff paid it up.

An order was made.

THE SHANGHAI GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual meeting of shareholders in this company was held at Shanghai on March 7th. There were present Mr. E. Jenner Hogg (Chairman), Messrs. F. Ayresough, J. Cooper, W. F. Lawton and J. M. Young (Directors), Mr. H. King Hiller (Chief Engineer and Acting Secretary), Messrs. J. Ambrose, W. Armstrong, H. F. Bell, A. H. Brook, P. J. Clarke, W. B. Chetham, H. E. Hobson, A. Hunt, J. N. Jameson, C. Solby Moore, E. E. Parsons, W. A. C. Platt, F. W. Trotter, A. Reese, D. Reid, M. D. A. Shawan, and R. E. T. T. representing 2,807 shares and 730 votes.

The Chairman—It is a great pleasure to meet you again today and to be able to present to you such an excellent record of the company's progress and position. We satisfactorily show that our anticipations of increased business are fully borne out and that our output to meet the demand has been, not only greater but absolutely necessary, and we shall have to continue our provision. You have doubtless studied the Report and Accounts in which we have given you the fullest information, but I may make a few remarks. You will note an increase of nearly 28 per cent in private consumption, and though we have not much opportunity of extending our public lighting in the Settlements north of the Yangtze River, we are extending the incandescent gas system in the streets, etc., of the French Settlement. We only supplied one gas engine more last year than in 1903, but unfortunately we have a falling off in the consumption in this form has increased by 45 per cent. Locking at Working Account, our total receipts are Tls. 432,000.70, against Tls. 366,307.11, an increase of Tls. 66,593.59 or 18.18 per cent. Actual gas sales amounted to Tls. 374,460.02, against Tls. 293,786.64, an increase of Tls. 80,673.48 or 27.45 per cent. There is an increase in the items for tar, but unfortunately we have a falling off in the consumption of coke, which has reduced our income from that source. We shall get an improvement on the present price when the time comes for rearranging the contract next month. As to the other side of this account I need only remark that the increase of expenditure is the necessity of our increased business. With reference to Profit and Loss, I am sorry to say we have to show a loss through some of the consumers' deposits. We endeavoured, but failed, to obtain redress in the Consular Court. There was also an unusually large bad debt, and this too we were unable to recover. Precautions have been taken which will, I believe, prevent the recurrence of such misfortunes. The state of the debtors' market will account for the bulk of the debit entry of Tls. 9,655.78, as we, like others, had to issue some of our debentures under par. On the other side, I need only explain that interest account is the balance after crediting this account with interest on plant and buildings in course of construction less the debit of interest on overdraft etc. You will have been fully prepared for the important additions to our assets as shown in the Balance Sheet. I need only say that they are for the present, fully supplying the needs of the Company. On the other side, you will find that as anticipated at our last annual meeting, our capital account has been increased to Tls. 800,000, our debenture issue of 1903 completed up to Tls. 200,000, and a further credit added to our share premium account through the issue of the further capital at a premium of Tls. 25 per share. Having thus explained the accounts it is now my pleasure to ask you to approve the appropriation of profits for last year amounts to Tls. 80,532.28, as against Tls. 88,758.80 for the preceding year. This result, I regret to say, cannot be called satisfactory, although the fact must not be lost sight of that one mill, and the cotton spinning industry generally in this part of the world, have been, and are still, passing through anxious and troublous times. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after the deduction of all charges, interest, etc., amounts to Tls. 49,124.79, which includes the sum of Tls. 26,389.77 brought forward from 1903 accounts. Your Directors have been unable to declare a dividend out of this balance on hand, but have deemed it advisable to provide for an increase of our Legal Reserve Fund, in accordance with the Rules of Association, and for depreciation of machinery and furniture accounts as set forth in the report, and to again carry forward some Tls. 22,000 to new account to provide for contingencies. Upon examination of the accounts you will find that this rather unsatisfactory result has been brought about chiefly by the increased amount of interest account which we have had to contend with, viz. Tls. 51,670.43. This, gentlemen, may be considered as a direct outcome of the political situation which not only practically closed the Northern ports to us for some time, our production being to some extent dependent upon those outlets, but also adversely influenced our business generally. Although we have been able to dispose of last year's production at prices leaving a fair margin of profit, our stock of yarn is kept on an abnormally high figure practically all the year round, thereby necessitating an extraordinary strain on our financial resources and involving a very heavy expenditure on interest account. I may state, however, in this connection, that we have been able to make satisfactory arrangements with our buyers, whereby our stock will be gradually reduced during the next month or two, and I am pleased to say that there are already signs of improvement, our stock of manufactured yarn in course of decreasing daily. In regard to the working of our mills during the year under review, I am glad to state that the same has worked satisfactorily and steadily all the year round, with practically no irregular interruptions at all.

The following resolutions were put and unanimously carried:—

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E. Jenner Hogg.—That the report and accounts as proposed be passed.

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FRANK SMITH,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1905, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1904, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

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C. MOONEY,
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Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [735]

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Plan of Seats for TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, may be seen and tickets obtained at R.E. Sergeant's Mess from Q.M.S. Hunt R.E. and S.S. Munro R.E., or at the Doors on the night of Performances.

Plan of Seats for "Stage Night" TUESDAY, 21st, may be seen and tickets obtained at R.E. Orderly Room Headquarters Offices.

Price of Admission MONDAY and WEDNESDAY, 20th and 21st March.—Reserved and numbered Chairs, Rows A, B & C \$1; d, e, f & g 50cts.; Box Seats 50cts.

On STAGE NIGHT Tuesday, 21st March.—Reserved and numbered Chairs, Rows A to G \$2; Back Seats at the doors 50cts.

Doors open at 8 P.M. Commence at 8.30 P.M.

Chairs may be ordered for 11 P.M.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. 741

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOE SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."

Captain Hodges, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. 727

FOR MARSEILLE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship
"RIENANIA,"

Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passengers, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [728]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to
ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN."

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 8th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is especially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are carried.

N.H.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [740]

BOSTON TOW BOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PLEIADES,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [747]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"GEYLON."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M., To-Morrow, the 17th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS.

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [748]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

WEDNESDAY,

the 22d MARCH, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Godowns of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Yamatai,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

About 1,200 Tons MOJI LUMP COAL in

Lots of 100 Tons.

GEO. P. LAMMIERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [738]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

FOR SHAHANGI.

CAPTAIN RODHO, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.
Agents.

BAHADUR CIGARS.

THE PREMIER CIGAR OF INDIA.

NO. 1.	... \$2.75 PER 100
NO. 2.	... \$2.50 PER 100
NO. 3.	... \$2.25 PER 100

GREGOR & CO.,

SOLE AGENTS.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Buildings, Hongkong on Thursday, 7th March, 1905 at 4 p.m. Present: Messrs. E. A. Hewitt (Chairman), A. G. Wood (Vice-Chairman), Hon. W. J. Grosson, A. Haupt, N. A. Siebs, J. R. M. Smith, E. S. Wheeler, and A. R. Lowe (Secretary).—

LIGHTING OF THE WANG MUN ENTRANCE TO THE WEST RIVER.

The following correspondence was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
14th February, 1905.

Sir.—I am directed to inform you that the lighting of the Wang Mun entrance to the West River has recently been under the consideration of the Government.

I transmit a copy of a report by the Harbour Master and ask you whether your Committee concur in the views therein expressed. I have, etc.

(Sd.) S. B. C. ROSS,
for Col. Sec.

Secretary,

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

REPORT ON THE HARBOUR MANNER.

In January of this year there were 37 arrivals and 80 departures from and to the West River from here, made by 11 steamers of which 8 were British.

I am by no means clear however that Lintin Island is the most suitable place for a light. It is at the immediate entrance of the river, viz.: on the Swashway before coming to Wang Mun that the trouble occurs. A light (white occulting for choice) on its Southern extremity would meet a real want and could be constructed in a similar manner as the Maplin lighthouse. 3rd February, 1905.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

16th February, 1905.

Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Present.
DEAR SIR.—Enclose for your information copy of letter received from the Government relating to the lighting of the Wang Mun entrance to the West River. The Committee would be glad if you would report to them at an early date the views of the masters of your steamers regularly running past Wang Mun regarding this matter.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) A. R. LOWE,
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A similar letter was sent to the Hongkong Canton and Macau Steamboat Co.

Hongkong 20th February, 1905.

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Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.—Dear Sir,

LIGHT AT WANG MUN ENTRANCE TO WEST RIVER.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing copies of letters received from the Government and asking for the opinions of our captains trading on the West River as to the best place to select for such light.

In reply the following recommendation is submitted for the favourable consideration of the Government.

The best position for a light at the Wang Mun entrance to the West River would be on the "West" side of the Swashway, bearing N.E. by E. (Mug) from the East end of Crag Island, distant 3/4 of a mile. A red sector, "Island," showing over the shoal water which extends to the S.W. of the Swashway, would be of great service. The light should have a range of 10 miles.—We are, etc.

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H. C. and Macau Steamboat Co.,
23rd February, 1905.

A. R. LOWE, Esq., Secretary.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

27th February, 1905.

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The Committee understand that this suggestion for light in this position has been made from time to time to the Imperial Maritime Customs by the Captains of the steamers trading on this route and is also shared by Captain Dixon the superintendent of the associated company's steamers who has also acted as admiral pilot on the deeper draft British Naval vessels which have entered the West River.

Under these circumstances it is considered that a light on the Swashway would be far more preferable to one on Lintin Island which is too far away from the Wang Mun entrance to the

a number of years, in whom they have thorough confidence and whom they wish to retain.

It is further understood that in one or two cases at least old Chinese pilots who have passed the examination have not been granted licences, the vacancies being filled by Europeans subsequently examined.

If the navigation of the waters of the Colony were of so intricate a nature as to necessitate the engagement of highly qualified pilots, such as are required in the Thames, or the Houghly, the committee would be only too ready to favour a scheme providing such a service; this however is not the case.

While therefore pilotage in the harbour of Hongkong is not so absolutely essential the custom has gradually grown up to send pilots off to vessels, who can give the Commanders the latest information as to the Harbour Regulations, position of vessels in port, and more particularly the course of the current wh-taking a vessel to a wharf or dock. Many shipping Companies only supply pilots for the latter work.

In view of the above stated facts the Committee of the Chamber trusts that the question as to how best to work the Pilots Ordinance in the interests of the shipping trade of this port will receive the attention of His Excellency the Governor and that, by a liberal extension of the number of licences and further latitude in the master of examination the shipping Companies will be able to again make use of those with whom they are entirely satisfied, and a very deserving class of men will therefore be no longer deprived of employment in work for which in a majority of cases they have proved themselves fit.

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(Sd.) A. R. LOWE,
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HON. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

NEW PILOT ORDINANCE.

The correspondence with the Government regarding the working of the new Pilot Ordinance was laid on the table.

PICTURE QUESTION.

The proceedings at the recent General Meeting regarding the resolution for transmission to the Government which was carried by the Members having been discussed it was decided to forward a copy of the proceedings with a covering letter explaining the Committee's views on the matter in detail.

CHANGES ON THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. E. Tomkins having resigned on the 5th instant owing to his leaving the Colony for a holiday it was decided to invite Mr. F. Salinger to accept the vacant seat on the Committee and to convey the thanks of the Committee to Mr. Tomkins for his services during the past 4 years.

The Chairman said he was sorry to say that this meeting would be the last at which he could attend as he was leaving for home on a short holiday on the 11th instant, and he had to thank the Members of the Committee for the support given him during his Chairmanship.

The Vice-Chairman having expressed the Committee's good wishes for a pleasant holiday it was decided that leave of absence should be granted to Mr. Hewett in lieu of resignation.

NEW PILOT ORDINANCE.

The following letters referred to in the Chairman's speech at the Annual Meeting were read:

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survival of the fittest. But, whatever be the ultimate cause, the effects are plain enough to those that look for them dispassionately, and one of them is that there must be working in the huge Chinese mass a strong leaven of bitter anger against foreigners, and a profound desire to expel them beyond the borders of the Middle Kingdom. It is a thing to be reckoned with just as is the plague or the cholera. But how? The present method of Russia, the present method of Germany, the present method of France and the former method of England represent a frank appeal to violence for purposes of spoliation. It is not more sure that two and two make four than that forces such as those of which Lotinga, Shantung and Annan have been made the governing centres, must, if left to develop without check, end in the disruption of the Chinese empire and its partition among the predatory Powers. Could these ends be compassed peacefully, perhaps the results would be happy for the Chinese; that is to say, for a nation which in respect of homogeneity and numbers occupies the premier place on our globe. But there can be no peaceful accomplishment. In the face of course such as the Occident has hitherto pursued; in the face of the invertebrate antipathy those courses have aroused among the Chinese, and in the face of the growing jealousy that sway Western Powers, there can be no peaceful partition of these rich spoils. Many publicists think and say that the sight of Japan's success against Russia complicates the Chinese problem. A strange contention surely! It assumes as axiomatic that craven submission on China's part is the only mood to suit the situation. It is not evident, on the contrary, that since a century of contact with most powerful Powers has failed to激起 a mood of submissiveness, the true solution lies in conceding China's right to assert herself, in recognising her title to independent existence and in encouraging her to struggle for her own integrity. If these victories that Japan is winning assist to rouse Chinese patriotic resolution, they will be promoting the policy that the United States and Great Britain have finally adopted. The policy is that this policy was not adopted long ago, for then we should not now be living on the edge of a volcano, nor anticipating repetitions of the shocking scenes of 1904.

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HON. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,
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PICTURE QUESTION.

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SHIPPING.

A. G. ROSE, Am. ship, 1,302, D. H. Rivers, 18 m. Merv., Philadelphia 16th Oct., Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.
B. BRONSON, Norwegian str., 730, C. Olsen, 1st m. N.M.—Canaan, Amoy and Swatow 15th Mar.—General—Osaka Shosha; Kaiwa.

C. CLAYDING, British str., 2,154, Benten, 16th March.—Sahia Cruz via Moji 3rd Feb.—C. S. S. C.

D. BAINBRIDGE, British str., 630, A. J. Robson, 16th March.—Conest Port 16th March, General—Douglas Liner & Co.

E. HUS, French str., 705, Godinat, 16th March.—Napier and Port 15th Mar., General—A. K. Martz.

F. KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., 1,474, R. Lincoln, 15th March.—Shanghai 12th March, General—Chinese.

G. LYEMOON, German str., 1,338, Th. Lehmann, 16th Mar.—Shanghai 15th Mar., General—Schoenfeld & Co.

H. MAURAN, British str., 1,644, S. J. Payne, 15th March.—Sandwich 10th Mar., Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

I. OANFA, British str., 5,414, S. Bartlett, 18th March.—Liverpool and Singapore 11th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

J. PLEADES, Am. str., 2,332, F. G. Parington, 16th March.—Taco via Japan ports and Feb., Con and General—Doddwell & Co.

K. PHILIPS, German str., 1,024, C. Moller, 15th March.—Moji 9th March, Coal—Asgaard, Thorens & Co.

L. TJIJMAH, Dutch str., 2,475, N. von W. Janssen, 15th March—Amoy 13th March, General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.

M. CLEARANCE, AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

N. Jelung, British str., for Yokohama.

O. M. Luckner, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

P. 16th March.

Q. GLENKEK, British str., for Shanghai.

R. HALAN, French str., for Hanoi.

S. HOLSTEIN, German str., for Kiaochow.

T. IPIHUA, British cruiser, for Amoy.

U. KAIFONG, British str., for Illes.

V. MASOVIA, German str., for Shanghai.

W. OELAND, Norwegian str., for Castor.

X. PATHOLU, British str., for London.

Y. PRINCESS ALICE, German str., for Europe.

Z. WILLHELM, German str., for Kobe.

AA. WOSANG, British str., for Ilestant.

BB. SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Gorman str. *Proteus* reports: Foggy and stormy weather.

The Dutch str. *Tjiijmah* reports: Foggy weather and variable moderate winds.

The American str. *Plaides* reports: Light to moderate variable winds and overcast cloudy weather. Thick fog from Tungyong to port.

The British str. *Maesing* reports: Light clear weather with variable winds and smooth sea to lat. 21° from whence to port strong N.E. monsoons and sea with rain and cloudy weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

16th March.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—

OWEN COOK.—Sobralense, Liscurn, Ven-

us, H.M.S. Jones, Chingtu, U.S.S. Callio, Clara

Jesse, Westminster Bridge, Zaffiro,

Cosmopolitan Dock, Clatter.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

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FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRAKI & CO.,

General Managers, Hongkong, 15th March, 1905.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & COMPANY.

FOR KOBE.

"HUGIN,"

will be despatched for the above port on Friday, the 17th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong, 15th March, 1905.

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FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Bucknall Line Steamship

"BEIRA,"

Captain Gunn, will be despatched as above on Sunda, the 19th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents, Hongkong, 14th March, 1905.

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BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAIKA,"

Captain G. M. Symmers, will be despatched as above on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong, 13th March, 1905.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship

"OCEANIEN,"

Captain Oliver, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 21st March, at 1 P.M.

Passenger tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:

S.S. "TOURANE" ... 4th April.

S.S. "TONKIN" ... 18th April.

S.S. "DUY BEEA" ... 2nd May.

L. BRIODU,

Acting Agent, Hongkong, 8th March, 1905.

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AND HUMATEA PORTS,
OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"OANFA"	On 17th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"KAISOW"	On 25th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"AGAMEMNON"	On 28th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"JASON"	On 1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"LAERTES"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DARDANUS"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CHINGWO"	On 15th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DIOMEDE"	On 21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CALCHAS"	On 29th April.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 28th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 11th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	On 25th April.

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TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"OANFA"	On 18th March.
	"TELEMACHUS"	On 20th April.

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1905.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	On 19th March.
MANILA	"FEAN"	On 21st March.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 22nd March.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 28th March.
CHEFOO and TIENSIN	"KANSU"	On 29th March.
MANILA, OUDARWIN THURS.	"CHINGTU"	On 8th April.
INLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 8th April.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1905.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.**PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR****VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA****VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.**

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purtington	Thursday, March 30th
SHAWMUT	9,606	E. V. Roberts	Thursday, April 13th
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	Friday, April 21st
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Monday, May 15th

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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1905.

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SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

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R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 19th April.

R.M.S. "TARTAR" ... 4,426 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 26th April.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 10th May.

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Passenger Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese and Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Handbooks, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to

D. W. CRAWDICK, Acting General Agent,
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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA PORTS	First half of April
TJILATJAP.	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of April
TJIMAJI	JAPAN	First half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the HEAD AGENCY OF THE

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Telephone No. 375.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamer

"PRINZ HEINRICH," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 8 A.M. To-MORROW MORNING, the 15th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1905.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"ALCINOUS," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 16th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 21st inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1905.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

M.R. FREDERICK SALINGER will sign our Firm per Procurator during the absence from the Colony of Mr. H. E. TOMKINS.

REISS & CO.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1905.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The s.s. *Tonkin*, with the French Mail of the 17th February, left Singapore on Monday, the 13th inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 20th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		Friday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao		Friday, 17th, 7.30 P.M.
Swatow		Friday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao		Friday, 17th, 1.15 P.M.
Kobe		Friday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Namao		Friday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbie		Friday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Kungmeng, Kunchak and Kaukong		Friday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton		Friday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao		Saturday, 18th, 7.30 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi, & Haiphong		Saturday, 18th, 7.30 A.M.
Hainan, Sam-seng, Sourabaya and Macassar		Saturday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila		Saturday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
Maula		Saturday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Foochow and Shaughai		Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui		Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Safes, &c., Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Haugh, 2 p.m.

Dallas-Lindemann Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Miscellaneous, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remond, 2 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

16th March

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/10.
Bank Bills, at demand 1/10.
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/10.
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/10.
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/10.
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/10.

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, at demand 235.
Credits, at 4 months' sight 239.

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 192.

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, at demand 454.
Credits, 60 days' sight 463.

ON BELGIUM.—
Telegraphic Transfer 139.
Bank, at demand 139.

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 139.
Bank, at demand 139.

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 715.

Private, 30 days' sight 724.

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 913.

AT SINGAPORE.—On demand 1/10. p.m.

ON HAVANA.—On demand 1128.

ON HAIKONG.—On demand 1/10. p.m.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 61.

ON HAGHONG.—On demand 61.

GOLE LEAF, Bank's Buying Rate 810.
GOL LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 855.
GR SILVER, per oz 264.

OPIUM.

16th March.
Quotations are— Allowee net, to 1 cent.
Macao New \$130 to — per picul.
Macao Old \$180 to — " "
Macao Older \$125 to — "
Macao Y. Old \$1360 to — "
Per cent inequality 900 to — "
Per cent extra fine \$830 to — "
Peking New \$137 to — per cinc.
Peking Old \$1075 to — "
Peking Old \$ — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. steamer *Korso* left Shanghai for this port on the 16th inst. at 1 a.m., and is due here-to-morrow at daylight.

The P. & O. steamer *Ceylon* from San Francisco to the 25th ult., via Hainan, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 17th March via Keelung, &c., and is due here on the 26th March.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Tonkin* left Singapore on the 13th March at 8 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

MERCHANT STEAMER.

The Bucknall Line steamer *Beira*, from London and ports, left Singapore on the 10th March, and is due here-to-morrow.

The P. & O. steamer *Ceylon* left Singapore for this port on the 11th March at 10 a.m.

The H.A.L. steamer *Rhenania*, from Hamburg, left Shanghai for this port on the 15th March, p.m., and may be expected here-to-morrow.

The steamer *Sagami* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 11th March.

The Bon Line steamer *Berwick*, from London, left Singapore for this port on the 14th March, and may be expected here on the 20th March.

The H.A.L. steamer *Stavros*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 13th March, p.m., and may be expected here on the 20th March.

The Indo-China steamer *Kunming*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 14th Mar. at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on the 20th March.

The steamer *Hindustan* left New York on the 13th Feb.

The P. & O. steamer *Nicobar*, sailed from Portland, Or., on the 26th Feb., and is due here on the 30th March.

The A.A. steamer *Claireburne* left New York on the 23rd Feb., and is due here on the 25th April.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Tuesday, the 7th March, p.m.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Feb. 24th—Tenczi, Serbia, *Tonkin*, *Gas Rover*, *Jesid*, *Croydon*, *Kuarts*, *Stileket*, 28th—*Palermo*, *Sgorio*, *Dagny*, *Hilary*, *Neumarkt*, Mar. 3rd—*Jesus*, *Pera*, *Carr*, *Korom*, 7th—*Annam*, *Benader*, *Indramayu*, *Orange*, *Pere*, *Faldon*, *Hall*, *Penna*, *Prinz Etzel Friedrich*, 10th—*Dardanos*, *Zietz*, *Angia*, *Queen Alexandra*, *Jelsen*, *Stepney*, 14th—*Ambra*, *Aranda*, *Betic*, *Glencairn*, *Himalaya*, *Java*, *Eltrichdale*, *Elber*, *Gazden*, *Chazeo*, *Hotas*, *Hebe*, *Kalibea*, *Langdale*, *Venus*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Mar. 7th—*Bentomond*, *Lacs*, *Ernest Simons*, 10—*Bayern*, *Hyson*.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Japan, from Yokohama for Singapore, Mr. J. E. Pearce, from Shanghai for London, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Watt and 3 children, and Mr. T. Mahoney.

Per *Boatman*, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. May and Dr. Felvis.

Per Minnesota, from Seattle (U.S.A.), &c., Mrs. Rebecca Blazon, Mr. F. B. Clark, Mrs. D. Hersey, Messrs. Walter Hill, G. E. Hyde, Alex.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 16th March.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Aihambra	\$200	\$100, sellers
Hongkong & Shai.	\$125	\$74, buyers London, 477.
National B. of China	25	\$85, buyers
B. Shares	25	\$80, buyers
Founders	25	\$82
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125	\$82
China-Borneo Co.	125	\$82, sales
China Light & P. Co.	125	\$82, sales
China Provident	125	\$82, sellers
Cotton Mills	125	Ths. 27, buyers
Hongkong	125	\$82, buyers
International	125	\$82, buyers
Laon King Pow.	100	\$100, sellers
Soucy	100	\$100, sellers
Dairy Farm	100	\$102, buyers
Docks and Wharves	100	Ths. 145.
Farmham B. & Co.	100	\$103, ex div. buy.
H. & K. Wharf & G.	100	\$103, sellers
H. & W. Dock	100	\$107, sellers
Shai & H. Wharf	100	Ths. 147.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	100	\$100, buyers
Green Island Cement	100	\$100, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	100	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Electric	100	\$102, buyers
H. H. L. Transport	100	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	100	\$101, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	100	\$102, sellers
Hongkong Liquor Co.	100	\$102, sellers
Hongkong S. Waterboat	100	\$102, sellers
Insurance	100	\$100, buyers
Canton	100	\$100, buyers
Chi Lin Fire	100	\$100, ex div. sales
China Traders	100	\$100, sales & co.
Hongkong & Co.	100	\$100, buyers
North China Union	100	\$100, sellers
Yangtze	100	\$100, buyers
Land and Building	100	\$101, sellers
Hongkong Land Co.	100	\$101, sellers
Humphrey's Estate	100	\$101, sellers
Do. New	100	\$101, sellers
Kowloon Land & I.	100	\$102, buyers
Shanghai Land	100	\$102, buyers
Westrom Building	100	\$102, sellers
Mining	100	\$100, buyers
Charbonnage	250	\$49.
Kants	100	\$102, buyers
Philippine Co.	100	\$102, sellers
Refineries	100	\$100, buyers
China sugar	100	\$100, buyers
Luzon sugar	100	\$100, buyers
Steamship Companies	25	\$21, sellers
China and Amur	25	\$24, buyers
Douglas Ste. Corp.	25	\$22, sellers
H. & C. & N. Co.	25	\$21.
Imperial Steel Corp.	25	\$21.
Do. Preference	25	\$10.
Star Ferry	25	\$10, 3/4, sellers
Do. Nov.	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers
Shanghai & H. Diving	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers
South China & Post.	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers
Stein Laundry Co.	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers
Do. Nov.	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers
Stores & Dispensaries	25	\$10, 3/4, sellers
Campbell, Mr. & Co.	25	\$10, 3/4, sellers
Powell & Co., Wan.	25	\$10, 3/4, sellers
Watkins	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers & buy.
Watson & Co., A. S.	25	\$10, 3/4, buyers & buy.
United Asbestos	25	\$10.
Do. Founders	25	\$10.

VEENON & SMITH, Brokers.

HONGKONG TIME TABLE.

From 17th to the 23rd March.

To correct Zone Time add 23 min. and 18 sec.

Line Name. Low Water. High Water.

Day Month. Hongkong Mean Time. Height. Hongkong Mean Time. Height.

Fri. 17. m. 5:28 a. 1:15 10:45 a. 1:15

Sat. 18. m. 5:42 a. 1:18 10:49 a. 1:18

Sun. 19. m. 5:56 a. 1:23 10:53 a. 1:23

Mon. 20. m. 6:10 a. 1:27 10:57 a. 1:27